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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,6 and 8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,6 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____ 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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DETAILED ACTION

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1. Claim 7 has been deleted. Claim 1 and 8 have been amended for further examination.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1, 2, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is not understood as to what the structural limitations are of a plastic bag. The examiner has interpreted a "plastic bag" in its broadest sense to be equivalent to a laminate covering sealed around the edges.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3 ~~4~~. Claims 1, 2, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Machnikowski in view of Weinberg (5,515,809).

Machnikowski discloses in Fig. 1-5, a bookmark comprising: a bookmark body (58, 62, 45, 40) having a body surface (64a) that is bendable (seen in Fig. 5) and can include parallel folding lines (48, in Fig. 3) or a groove (42, in Fig. 2); wherein the body also has a protection surface (66a, which is under a clip, 68) on which a bookmark clip (68) is mounted; wherein the body also has a folding sheet (64) capable of being inserted into inner pages of a book and separated by a gap (distance between clip edge and portion of sheet which starts folding) from the protective surface; wherein the bookmark clip can have a width substantially equal to the body (Col. 5, lines 11-14) and is adhesively mounted on the bookmark body (Col. 4, lines 11-14, and Col. 5, lines 6-8); and wherein the bookmark clip is made of plastic, metal or other resilient material (Col. 5, lines 8-11).

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However, Machnikowski does not disclose a bookmark body is a plastic bag which contains the protective surface and folding sheet at two ends.

Weinberg discloses in Fig. 7A, wherein the bookmark body (74) is a plastic body (Col. 6, line 1-6) which contains the protective surface and the folding sheet.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Machnikowski's bookmark with a bookmark body having a protective surface and folding sheet contained in a plastic bag as taught by Weinberg for the purpose of making the bookmark more durable.

In regards to **Claim 8**, the bookmark being disposed in the bag by hot-melting does not structurally limit the claim. The patentability of a product does not depend on its method of production. If the product in the product-by-process claim is the same as or obvious form a product of the prior art, the claim is unpatentable even though the prior art was made by a different process (see MPEP 2113). Therefore it would be obvious to incorporate heat to melt and laminate the bag around the bookmark body for purposes of securing the bookmark.

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Response to Arguments

40. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 2, and 6-8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Thw Weinberg reference is now used to disclose a bookmark body contained in a plastic bag (laminate).

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark T. Henderson whose telephone number is (703)305-0189. The examiner can be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:30 AM to 3:45 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner supervisor, A. L. Wellington, can be reached on (703) 308-2159. The fax number for TC 3700 is (703)-872-9302. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the TC 3700 receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148.



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